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In mid-October the Chinese Communist authorities were hastening the construction of a railroad from Lanchou to Ilisk¹. The roadbed was already completed from Ilisk to Ch'it'ai (89-28, 44-01), by way of Hsueh'eng (霍城), Suiting (80-49, 44-03), Suilai (86-19, 44-21), Urumchi (87-35, 43-48), and Fouk'ang (88-10, 44-10). The roadbed was also completed from Lanchou to Iami (92-27, 42-48) via Yungteng (103-24, 36-44), Wuwei (102-28, 37-58), Lintse (100-13, 39-18), Yumen (97-13, 40-15), and Anhsi (95-57, 40-32). The laying of tracks for this railroad was completed from Ilisk to Sharasume (80-37, 47-52) (sic)² and from Lanchou to Wuwei.

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. For previous reports on this railroad, see [REDACTED]

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The last reference described another railroad connection between Sinkiang and the USSR, via Chuguchak (82-57, 46-45) and Sergiopol, and stated that a portion of the line had been opened for service in February 1951.

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2. [REDACTED] Comment. Sharasume is not on the line described. The town was reported as Ch'enghua, but the informant may have intended Chingho (82-50, 44-39), which is on the highway between Suiting and Suilai.

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